

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks ) NG-0001  
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general )  
rate increase for Aquila's Rate Area )  
One (Communities include )  
Plattsmouth, Bellevue, Ralston, )  
LaVista, Papillion, Gretna, )  
Waterloo, Elkhorn, Valley, and )  
Blair). )  
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks ) NG-0002  
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general )  
rate increase for Aquila's Rate Area )  
Two (Lincoln). )  
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks ) NG-0003  
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general )  
rate Increase for Aquila's Rate Area )  
Three (Communities include Adams, )  
Arlington, Ashland, Auburn, Aurora, )  
Avoca, Bancroft, Battle Creek, )  
Beatrice, Bee, Beemer, Bennet, Blue ) ORDER CONSOLIDATING  
Springs, Bradshaw, Cheney, Clatonia, ) APPLICATIONS FOR  
Columbus, Cortland, Craig, Crete, ) PURPOSES OF DISCOVERY  
David City, Dewitt, Dorchester, ) AND HEARING  
Eagle, Elmwood, Emerson, Endicott, )  
Exeter, Fairbury, Fairmont, Firth, )  
Friend, Garrison, Geneva, Grafton, )  
Greenwood, Hallam, Hampton, Hickman, )  
Holland, Horner, Hooper, Humboldt, )  
Humphrey, Jackson, Johnson, Lindsay, )  
Louisville, Madison, Manley, Mead, )  
Meadow Grove, Milford, Murdock, )  
Murray, Mynard, Newman Grove, )  
Nickerson, Norfolk, North Bend, )  
Oakland, Odell, Osceola, Palmyra, )  
Panama, Pawnee City, Peru, Pierce, )  
Pilger, Plymouth, Rising City, )  
Rosalie, Schuyler, Scribner, Seward, )  
Shelby, Stanton, Staplehurst, )  
Sterling, Table Rock, Tecumseh, )  
Tekamah, Thurston, Tilden, Uehling, )  
Ulysses, Wakefield, Walthill, )  
Walton, Waverly, Wayne, Weeping )  
Water, West Point, Wilber, )  
Winnebago, Wymore and York). ) Entered: August 19, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. On June 30, 2003, Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila) filed the above-captioned rate applications. Each application was published on July 2, 2003, in The Daily Record, and the 30-day protest and formal intervention period expired on August 1, 2003.

2. Aquila has three rate areas, and each application addresses a different rate area, as described in the captions.

3. In the interest of efficiency, the Commission seeks to consolidate the three applications for purposes of discovery and hearing. Witnesses and other sources of evidence will likely be the same for each case, and the Commission and parties can minimize expenses and other resources by combining the three applications for discovery and hearing.

#### O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

4. The Commission finds that the above-captioned applications should be consolidated for the purposes of discovery and hearing. The rate areas should be considered separately for ratemaking purposes as required by LB 790 [2003].

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission Application Nos. NG-0001, NG-0002 and NG-0003 are hereby consolidated for purposes of discovery and hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of August, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director